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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of:)
MORTON ET AL.)
Serial No.: 07/431,533)
Filed: November 3, 1989)
For: URINARY TUMOR ASSOCIATED))
ANTIGEN, ANTIGENIC)
SUBUNITS AND METHODS OF)
DETECTION)

Group Art Unit: 1811

Examiner: S. Perkins

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RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION

Sir:

In the Office Action mailed on September 30, 1991, the Examiner restricted the claims into the following eight groups:

Group I:	Claims 1, 6, 11-19, 39, 40 and 46
Group II:	Claims 2 and 5
Group III:	Claim 30-34
Group IV:	Claims 22-25
Group V:	Claims 3, 4, 9, 10, 20, 21, 35-38 and 41-45
Group VI:	Claims 6 and 7
Group VII:	Claim 8
Group VIII:	Claims 26-29

Applicants respectfully traverse the restriction requirement for the reasons set forth below.

RESPONSE
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Although the groups of claims may be directed to distinct inventions, an examination and search of all groups, and particularly Groups I, II and VII, would not pose a serious burden on the Examiner. See MPEP § 803. Applicants contend that these groups would require the same field of search for art pertinent to the allegedly distinct inventions since they are classified in Class 530. Applicants accordingly request the Examiner to reconsider the restriction requirement.

Although the restriction is traversed, Applicants nevertheless elect the Group I claims to be fully responsive.

The Examiner has additionally set forth an election of species requirement among the antigenic polypeptides of UTAA having molecular weights of 45, 65, 90-100 and 120 kD if Group I is elected. Thus, Applications further elect the UTAA polypeptide species having a molecular weight of about 90-100 kD.

Respectfully submitted,

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